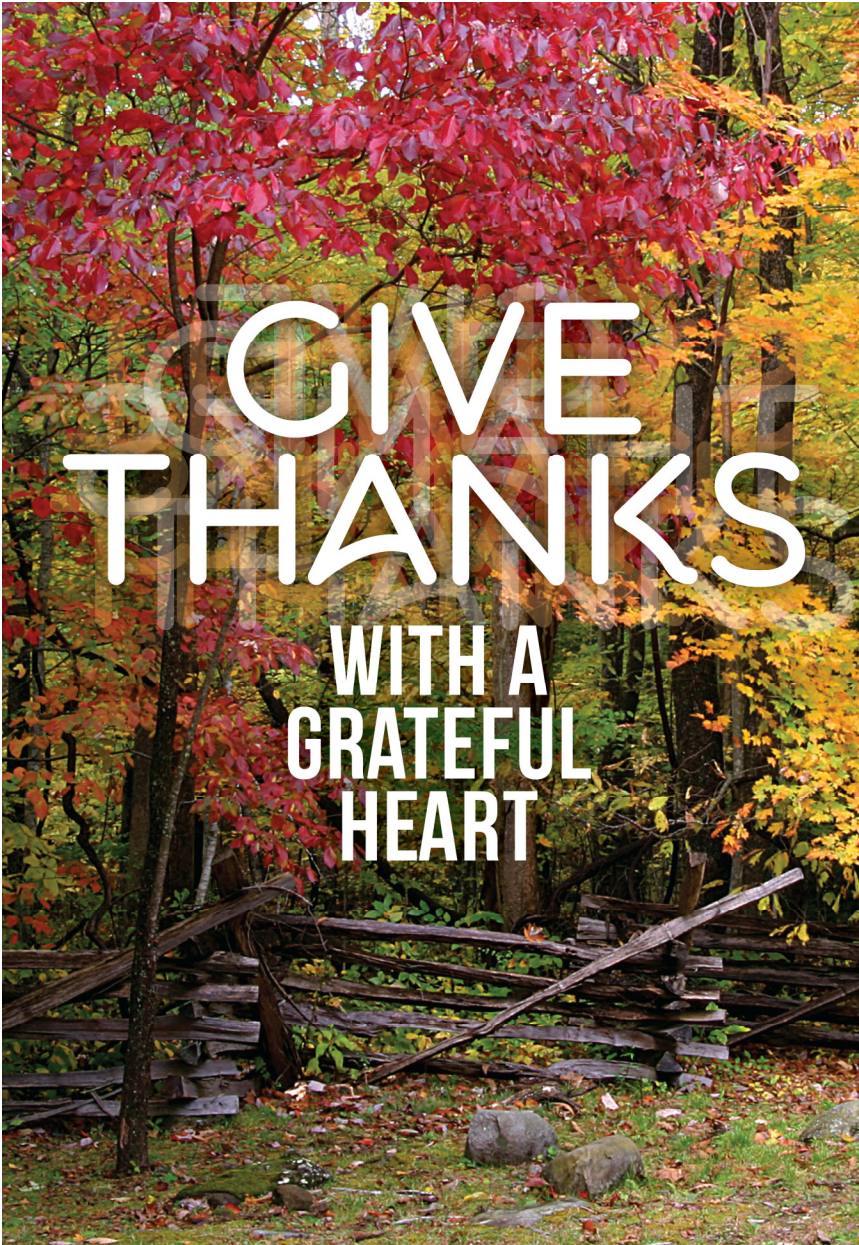




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Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart


In her book *Grateful*, Diana Butler Bass wants to reclaim the American holiday of Thanksgiving. Stripping it of its consumerism and antiquated myths, Butler Bass encourages her readers to find a new communal spirit of giving thanks on this holiday. Bass not only points to the benefits of being grateful on Thanksgiving, but she highlights the role of gratitude in our everyday lives. Making a case for gratitude, Butler Bass shows us how this ancient and simple practice can make us happier as individuals and also allow us to feel more connected to each other as human beings.

As people of faith, we know the importance of giving thanks to God for all of our blessings. We know the value of being thankful for God's presence in our lives and in the world. Still, I am excited to spend the month intentionally incorporating this practice into my personal faith life and our communal worship - and I hope you are, too! Sometimes this practice gets pushed to the side with all of the other demands on our time and energy. Dedicating some extra attention to gratitude this month will hopefully encourage you in your life of faith. Gratitude is a practice after all, and the more we practice it, the better we get at it! After a while, gratitude becomes more than something we simply do; it becomes who we are.

People of Immanuel, I pray we will become a people with grateful hearts, giving thanks to God and sharing God's generous love with others.

Peace and Joy!

Pastor Jamie Brieske



Wednesday, November 27th
Holden Evening Prayer 7:00 PM

A Thanksgiving Prayer

“God, this Thanksgiving, we do not give thanks. We choose it. And we will make thanks, with strong hands and courageous hearts. When we see your sacred generosity, we become aware that we live in an infinite circle of gratitude. That we all are guests at a hospitable table around which gifts are passed and received. We will not let anything opposed to love take over this table. Instead, we choose to see grace, free and unmerited love, the giftedness of life everywhere, as the tender web of all creation. In this choosing, and in the making, we will pass gratitude on to the world.” ~Grateful by Diana Butler Bass pg. 200

Grateful Worship

This November, join us at Immanuel for a four-part Stewardship worship series inspired by the book, "Grateful" by Diana Butler Bass. Each week we will look at the joys and benefits of gratitude in our lives including: Gifts and Thanks, Awareness and Practice, Joy and Celebration, and Grateful Community. Consider reading along with us! You can pick up a copy of Grateful in the narthex at church or on Amazon.

Sunday, November 3rd All Saints Sunday: Gifts and Thanks

Readings: Luke 6:20-31, Psalm 149:1-4, Grateful Chap. 1-2

Sunday, November 10th Gratitude Sunday: Awareness and Practice

Readings: Luke 17:11-18, Psalm 138, Grateful Chap. 3-4

Sunday, November 17th with Blessing of the Blaze Orange: Joy and Celebration

Readings: Luke 22:14-20, Psalm 100, Grateful Chap. 5-6

Sunday, November 24th: Grateful Community

Luke 22:33-43, Psalm 145:1-13, Grateful Chap. 7-8



01 Mike Ohren
03 Dona Peterson
03 Beth Schaffer
05 Rachel Isaacson
06 Laiken Hall
06 Hannah Hall
06 Brock Stilp
06 Bennett Stilp
07 Mark Bowman
08 Brent Carlson
08 Harrison Haas
09 Sammy Zimmerman
09 Landon Ivey
11 Pastor Jamie Brieske
11 Rowan Tarpinning
13 Tammie Delveaux
15 Carol Sue Carlson
15 Helissa Bell
16 Laura Olson
17 Darryl Petersen
20 Audrey Brunzlick

20 Kitty Rahl
20 Karen Betzig-Lundberg
20 Justina Mbanali
20 Raphael Albano
21 Sarah Luthy
21 Luke Rosenberger
23 Joy Becker
23 Katy LoRusso
23 Benjamin Schwengel
23 Tony Bowman
25 Megan Ennis
27 Michael Albano
27 Cassie Rosemore
27 Kristofer Isaacson
28 Mary Bischel
28 Marit Barquist
30 Karen Hoffman-Larson
20 Vicki Fankhauser
30 Brenda Hagen
30 Charles Kalina
30 Madeleine Dragseth

05 Ben & Jennifer Lashley
09 Kim & Suzi Sturz
13 Donovan & Nicole Tucker
27 Marvin & Marilyn Pospishil

Youth and Family

children's program



Attention Journey of Faith families – as always, the Christmas season is approaching quickly! This year's Advent Celebration will be on Sunday, December 15 during worship with a meal to share following worship. As a reminder, we encourage ALL of the kids to participate in this Sunday morning celebration! We will use the 3 weeks (on both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings) prior to prepare our program, and the day before (Sat. 12/14, at 9 am) for a final rehearsal with all the kids. **Please keep these dates open if possible!** If your child is unable to attend this year's celebration, please let Alyssa or your child's teacher know as soon as possible. (They are still welcome & encouraged to attend while we are preparing.)

November Fun Night will be Immanuel at the Alley!

All are invited for some bowling, food and fun at Bowlwinkles on Sunday, November 17 starting at 4:30 pm. Watch for a sign up in Luther Hall. A free will donation to offset the cost of the bowling & pizza will be collected.

Godstock 2019!

Godstock is the annual NW Synod of WI Senior High weekend-long youth gathering. We have 10 high school students (including 3 who serve on the Synod Youth Board) attending this year's event from November 9-10, at the Metropolis Hotel in Eau Claire. There will be a live band, several interesting speakers, and a wide variety of workshops to participate in, and also lots of fun!

Backpack Project MN

Backpack Project MN is an organization that provides backpacks filled with daily personal care items to young people experiencing homelessness. As part of Godstock, churches are asked to donate to this service project. **Immanuel is asked to collect antiseptic wipes and antibiotic cream.** If you can help, drop your donation in the basket in the narthex by November 6. Thank you!

High School Service Trip

Next summer's high school trip planning is underway! This trip will be a Service trip, where we will spend a week serving our siblings in Christ in another community. We have about 20 team members planning to attend and are excited to begin the planning and preparations for a great trip! It is not too late to join the team – talk to Alyssa for details. Our next planning meeting is Wednesday, November 13, at 7:30 PM.



Blessing of the Blaze Orange

If you're a hunter, mark your calendar for Sunday, November 17, when we will be celebrating the "Blessing of the Blaze Orange." This milestone blessing will be during worship and is intended for ALL hunters – feel free to wear **orange!**

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, September 17th, 2019.

Members attending: Emilie Anderson, Lang Jacobson, Al Ludwig, Jennifer Dean, Dave Schaffer, Pastor Jamie, Peggy Blomenberg, Keith Martin, Bill Schwengel, Curt Carlson
Absent: Becky Ivey

Meeting called to order at 1900

New Business

Insurance Policy: Beth Kroeger Senior Account Manager from Church Mutual presented at the beginning of the meeting. She summarized Immanuel's policy. Written summary provided to church council members. Her email was provided which is her preferred contact method, bkroeger@churchmutual.com

Summary was fairly extensive, included: 1) Coverage in all 50 states but not internationally. 2) Total property coverage is \$2,878,400. 3) If we claim church contents, photographic proof may be required. 4) Deductible is \$500 per claim. We would save \$336 per year if we went up to \$1000 deductible per claim. 5) Last claim was 2006, a theft. We may have not claimed things when we could have, such as with the siding last winter. 6) Liability claims do not have a deductible. Examples would include falls. Our liability coverage is \$1,000,000 per claim, \$3,000,000 annually. 7) \$10,000 to help pay medical bills of someone hurt in the church or on a church activity, in excess of their base insurance. 8) \$300,000 in sexual misconduct/molestation coverage. 9) Personal auto insurance is primary, but church has significant excess coverage if needed when someone is driving a personal vehicle or church rented vehicle. 10) If a business rents the church they should have a certificate of liability for their own insurance. 11) Beth will send prior premium information over the last few years to Lang, he will forward to the council. She believes rates have been going down previously and leveled off recently.

Devotion: David gave a devotion from Rich Church Poor Church, chapter 6, 'being thankful'

Thank You Notes: Don Schlieve and Andy Engedal for the preschool door. Sue L and Marianna for assisting with funeral arrangements.

Prior Meeting Minutes: Peggy motioned to accept the August minutes, Emilie seconded, passed unanimously.

Constitution Changes: Those who have not reviewed it will do so and will bring comments to next meeting.

Reports

Stewardship: Did not meet

Finance: Written report submitted to google drive. We brought in \$1,000 more than we spent in August. \$500 in the red for the year. \$1,176 left in Maintenance budget with 540 more coming in each month. May use this for broken tables, tree work. Peggy moved accept to report, Keith seconded, passed unanimously.

Pastor's Report: Written report submitted to Drive. Fall retreat upcoming, Janet to cover.

Property: Bill presented. Will ask for bid on cutting down spruce tree. Tree trimming of branches over roof needed for fall work day. Some round Tables in coffee area are broken, at least 4. Pastor Jamie discussed replacing these with round tables. Bill will inventory, come up with how many to buy. Thrift sale Oct. 4th.

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 15th, 2019, 1900

Gratitude Sunday, November 10

Thanksgiving is once again upon us. It is the time of year in which we look back and consider the many ways God has blessed our lives this past year. As the end of the year draws near, we anticipate where He will lead us in the coming months. God has richly blessed Immanuel Lutheran this past year as well - so many wonderful things are happening at here!

As you enter worship on Sunday, November 10, you will be handed a commitment card. Please prayerfully consider what your response will be in thanking God and supporting the mission of Immanuel. Then complete and return your commitment card at the end of the service. You can also mail your commitment card or drop it off in the church office.

Immanuel not only needs financial support but also needs your prayers and time to carry out its work. There are many opportunities to share your time and talents within the walls of Immanuel and outside our walls, and we need you! Serving as a Worship Assistant (see below) is an example. Please contact the office if you would like to be added to the list of those willing to help. Guidance /Training is provided (see below!).



Assisting Minister Training, Sunday November 24


If you are interested in serving as assistant minister or have served but need a refresher, meet with Pastor Jamie in the sanctuary following worship on Sunday, November 24. It's not as intimidating as it may sound! The assisting minister reads the Prayers of the People, leads the offertory prayer, prepares the altar for communion, assists with communion distribution and dismisses the congregation ("Go in peace, serve the Lord!").



	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Assisting Minister	Dave Langhus	Mary Bischel	Zan Degen	Please volunteer
Lector	Lauren Likkel	Vicki Fankhauser	Dave Langhus	Alison Martin
Ushers	Dee & Don Schlieve	Marc & Lauren Likkel	Tarpenning Family	Brian & Mary Bischel
Greeters	David & Andrea Schaffer	Jim & Karen McCrady	Prissel Family	Keith & Alison Martin
Counters	Sue Luthy & Becky Ivey	Sue Luthy & Becky Ivey	Sue Luthy & Becky Ivey	Sue Luthy & Becky Ivey

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9-11 AM Food Pantry open	2 2:00 PM After Dark Quartet Farewell Concert, Unity Christ Center, 1808 Folsom St.
3 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Learning, Fellowship, Book Group meets	4 5:30-6:30 PM Food Pantry open 6:30 PM - H3	5 9:30 AM H3 6:30 PM Knitting	6 10:15 AM Sr Bible Study Noon—Material Witness Quilting 5:30 PM WoW Meal 6:00 PM WoW Worship, Learning & SHYN 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Mentor Meeting	7 9-11 AM Food Pantry open	8 9-11 AM Food Pantry open Godstock	9 Godstock
10 9:30 AM Worship Gratitude Sunday 10:30 AM Learning, Fellowship Godstock concludes	11 5:30-6:30 PM Food Pantry open 6:30 PM - H3	12 9:30 AM H3	13 10:15 AM Sr Bible Study Noon—Material Witness Quilting 5:30 PM WoW Meal 6:00 PM WoW Worship, Learning & SHYN 7:30 PM Service Trip Mtg 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	14 9-11 AM Food Pantry open	15 9-11 AM Food Pantry open	16 8:30-9:45 AM Men's Group
17 9:30 AM Worship Holy Baptism Blessing of the Blaze Orange 10:30 AM Learning, Fellowship, Finance Committee Mtg 3:00 PM Inclusive Min- istry (IM) Church @ Lake Street Methodist 4:30 PM - Family Fun Night @ Bowlwinkles	18 5:30-6:30 PM Food Pantry open 6:30 PM - H3	19 9:30 AM H3 7:00 PM Council Mtg 6:00 PM CAW Board Meeting	20 10:15 AM Sr Bible Study Noon—Material Witness Quilting 5:30 PM WoW Meal 6:00 PM WoW Worship, Learning & SHYN 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	21 9-11 AM Food Pantry open 10:30 AM CAW Thanksgiving Feast	22 9-11 AM Food Pantry open 11:00 AM CAW Thanks- giving Feast	23
24 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Learning & Fellowship, Assisting Minister Training	25 5:30-6:30 PM Food Pantry open	26	27 Immanuel serves @ Community Table Noon—Material Witness Quilting No WoW activities 7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer	28 Office closed 	29 Office closed	30 8:30-9:45 AM Men's Group

Immanuel Lutheran Church

At Immanuel we recognize that every person has a valuable story that carries infinite worth. We are called by Jesus to love expansively and make this unwavering pledge to welcome all people, without exception. We affirm the image of God in people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, relationship status, physical or mental ability, health status, and



cultural or ethnic identity. In our church family we welcome all regardless of socioeconomic situation, addiction, imprisonment or anything else that too often divides us.

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